

**State of Iowa
County of Linn**

Notice is hereby given that ITC Midwest LLC (ITC Midwest) (Petitioner), with its principal place of business at 123 5th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52401, proposes to rebuild a 34,500V transmission line from a point north of the city of Lisbon to the Mt. Vernon Substation along State Highway 1. The proposed line is being built as part of transmission system upgrades in the area. The existing 34,500V system is being converted to 69,000V to provide more reliability to the area and reduce exposure to sustained outages. This project is in conjunction with the planned conversion of the entire 34,500V system in the area to 69,000V by 2021. The notification corridor and the proposed line route for which new easements may be sought in Linn County are reflected on the enclosed map and by reference made a part hereof. The notification corridor is the area in which landowners and tenants are noticed concerning the public information meeting and in which easements may be sought after the meeting is held.

Prior to construction of this transmission line, the Petitioner must request an amendment to a franchise from the Iowa Utilities Board (Utilities Board) authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line along the proposed route. The proposed route of the line begins along Gilette Lane as it heads north out of the city of Lisbon to the intersection with State Highway 1. The line will then head northeast along State Highway 1 to the intersection with Washington Street where it will double-circuit with another existing 69,000V transmission line. The line will continue northeast along State Highway 1 to a final point of electrical connection with ITC Midwest's Mt. Vernon Substation, for a total distance of approximately 4.25 miles.

ITC Midwest may seek to acquire easements within the identified corridor for the construction, operation and maintenance of the line described in this notice. The easement request will also include the right to maintain the right-of-way so as not to interfere with the construction, operation or maintenance of the transmission line and the right of ingress and egress to the easement area. For poles located on private right-of-way adjacent to the public road right-of-way, 25 foot easements will be sought. For poles located on private right-of-way not located immediately adjacent to public road right-of-way, 50 foot easements will be sought. After the Utilities Board has reviewed the amendment to the franchise it may conduct a public hearing and landowners would have a right to participate in the hearing process. If a hearing is conducted, notice of the public hearing will be published in a Linn County newspaper with county wide circulation. There is the possibility that right-of-way may be acquired by condemnation if approved by the Utilities Board. At this time, the Petitioner has not requested and does not have the right of eminent domain in order to acquire the property rights by condemnation. If eminent domain is requested by the Petitioner, a hearing must be conducted by the Utilities Board where the request will be considered, and the Petitioner must show that the property rights are needed to serve a public use. If the Petitioner requests the right of eminent domain, a notice of the public hearing will be sent to the owners of record and parties in possession of the parcels subject to the request for eminent domain by return receipt mail in addition to the notice being published in a Linn County newspaper with county wide circulation.

As a landowner or a party adjacent to, in possession of, or residing on property which may be affected by the location and construction of the aforementioned electric transmission line, you have the right to be present at an Informational Meeting to be held at the place and time listed below. You also have the right to file with the Utilities Board objections to the location and construction of the proposed line as described. The Utilities Board's address is 1375 E. Court Ave., Room 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

Representatives of the Utilities Board will preside at the Informational Meeting and present a summary of the legal rights of affected landowners. Qualified representatives of ITC Midwest will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 725-7300 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

Informational Meeting to be held:

Date: December 7, 2016
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Lisbon City Hall
115 N. Washington Street
Lisbon, Iowa 52253

Dated: October 19, 2016
Tim Tessier, Manager – Regulatory Strategy
ITC Midwest LLC